

MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF, COORDINATION STAFF, ICS

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ATTENTION:

The individual committees of USIB as well as the USIB committee structure have been extensively reviewed during the past two or three years. The result has been a striking number of changes as reflected in the following list, which describes very briefly the evaluation of the USIB committee structure since mid-1974.

Committee on Exchanges (COMEX) was established 9 May 1975 following extensive consideration by USIB of two major studies on this subject.

Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation (COMIREX) remains essentially unchanged.

Critical Collection Problems Committee (CCPC) -- the continued existence of the CCPC is currently under review since, for the most part, its functions have been taken over by the National Intelligence Officers.

Economic Intelligence Committee (EIC) - has been a catalyst in the current expanded effort in the field of economic intelligence.

The Human Resources Committee (HRC) - is a relatively new committee which was established on a trial basis in January 1973 and as a permanent committee in June 1974. Its duties and responsibilities have been greatly expanded since that time; it assumed the functions of the Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (IPC).

Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC) --essentially unchanged.

Joint Atomic Energy Intelligence Committee (JAEIC) - essentially unchanged.

The Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee (STIC) is a successor committee to the Scientific Intelligence Committee.

It is to concentrate exclusively on S&T intelligence and is no longer involved in weapons' intelligence.

Security Committee was given new responsibilities and a much broader charter and a full-time chairman when a new DCID was approved in 1974. It absorbed the functions of the old Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee.

The SIGINT Committee - following a major review of the SIGINT Committee by a Special Ad Hoc Group the committee was provided with a new DCID, broader responsibilities and additional staff support.

Weapon and Space Systems Intelligence Committee (WSSIC) - is a new committee established in January 1976. It has absorbed all the weapons' intelligence responsibilities of the old Scientific Intelligence Committee and is now responsible for coordinating all requirements and intelligence community production for foreign weapons and space systems.

Special Ad Hoc Committee is essentially unchanged.

Committees which are no longer in being and whose functions have been assumed by the above active committees or other elements of the Intelligence Community.

Guided Missile and Astronautics Intelligence Committee (GMAIC) was subsumed within the Weapon and Space Systems Intelligence Committee (WSSIC) structure.

Interagency Clandestine Collection Priorities Committee (IPC) was taken over by the Human Resources Committee.

National Intelligence Survey Committee was disbanded 30 June 1974.

Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee has become a subcommittee of the Security Committee.

Scientific Intelligence Committee responsibilities were changed and evolved into the Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee as of January 1976.

Watch Committee was disestablished 3 March 1975 and its new and broader functions were assumed by the Special Assistant to the DCI for Strategic Warning and his staff located in the Pentagon.

The changes outlined above reflect a relatively dynamic bureaucratic structure which has demonstrated considerable flexibility in providing support to the USIB and the DCI.

d. Daily IC staff meetings now have representatives of the three major collection committees (COMIREX, SIGINT, Human Resources Committee) at the table every day. Also present are the Chairmen of the Security Committee and the Intelligence Information Handling Committee.

e. Several key Committee Chairmen have been drawn from outside CIA, i. e., the SIGINT Committee, the Human Resources Committee, the Security Committee and the IHC.

Further changes in the USIB Committee structure are anticipated. Community participation in these functions is essential and it is highly doubtful that a major overhaul of the structure is warranted unless executive and/or legislative action makes major changes in the role and responsibilities of the DCI and the Intelligence Community. At that time, a major new look may well be required to determine where, how, and for whom the current responsibilities of the USIB Committees should be handled.

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The four points (a. -d.) which [] made in his 6 January
STAT memorandum to [] are very valid and should be elaborated on.